

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 5, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Berglund, Fowles, Hon, Maitland, Powell, and Steadman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tello and Willey

STAFF PRESENT: Keller, Anderson, Howe, Mayes, Morris, and Voss

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jane Turley, League of Women Voters
John and Judy Hirsch
Sherah Mattimore-Knudson, ISU Student
Sushma Kulkarni, BGSU, Dietetic Intern

CALL TO ORDER: Berglund called the Board of Health Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., with no corrections to the agenda.

MINUTES: Berglund requested approval for the minutes of March 1, 2006.

Fowles/Hon moved and seconded the approval for the minutes of March 1, 2006. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA - April 2006

1. Bills to be Paid (February)		
Health Department	112-61	\$287,972.10
Dental Sealant	102-61	6,508.15
WIC	103-61	24,592.58
Preventive Health	105-61	5,233.66
Family Case Mngmnt	106-61	58,095.72
AIDS/CD	107-61	10,410.78

Maitland/Fowles moved and seconded the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION: Berglund read the resolution recognizing John Hirsch for his dedicated service to the McLean County Health Department over parts of five decades. The resolution, along with a plaque, was presented to Mr. Hirsch.

Mr. Hirsch thanked the Board and stated that he has enjoyed his time at the Department and has worked with some great people.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

BOARD EDUCATION: Keller introduced Health Promotion Program Manager Jan Morris to update the Board about the Heart Smart for Teens grant. Morris reported that the 9 week program targets young women 7th grade through high school, focusing on risk factors for cardiovascular disease and the importance of healthy diet and physical activity. Sessions include gathering baseline health assessment, keeping a food and physical activity diary, study the new pyramid including osteoporosis and the importance of calcium, learn about high fat foods as well as sodium intake and participate in interactive activities. Healthy snacks are offered at each session. During 2005 – 2006, 208 teens will complete the class from Tri Valley, Central Catholic, LeRoy, and Calvary Baptist.

Morris stated that schools included for the 2006 - 2007 school year are Olympia, Trinity Lutheran, TriValley, LeRoy, and Heyworth targeting 250+ girls.

Maitland inquired about the new food pyramid and the statement regarding consumption of alcohol in moderation. Morris responded that those are printed with those statements on them. Morris noted that the pyramid is targeted toward adults. Fowles noted that they have found the new pyramid targeting younger children without those statements on them and will give that information to Morris.

Steadman inquired if there had been a discussion about the effect of consuming soft drinks in large quantities. Morris concurred with Steadman's observations and noted that consumption of soft drinks adds considerable calories. That is discussed as part of the curriculum.

OLD BUSINESS: Keller requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, FY07 Heart Smart for Teens through the Illinois Department of Public Health Women's Health Section. This grant July 01, 2006 through June 30, 2007 is for \$32,000. The program is from a menu of intervention strategies set forth by IDPH. Prevention of deaths due to heart disease is one of the top 3 IPLAN health priorities. Often, health habits adopted during early teen years carry over into adult life.

Maitland/Powell moved and seconded the approval for the CONINUING GRANT, FY07 Heart Smart for Teens through the Illinois Department of Public Health Women's Health Section July 01, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for \$32,000. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Keller requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, Illinois Department of Public Health, West Nile Virus Protection in the amount of \$20,643, to provide resources to continue West Nile virus prevention activities. The grant award is made on the basis on population and the prior year's disease incidence. During 2005, McLean County experienced four cases and two deaths. The grant covers a portion of time for environmental health staff as well as the public health communications specialist in addition to insecticide packets and health promotion materials. Activities will include larvicide training, distribution of larvicide, risk reduction communication, and purchase/distribution of sample repellent.

Steadman/Hon moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, Illinois Department of Public Health, West Nile Virus Protection in the amount of \$20,643. Motion carried.

Keller requested approval for the Bloomington and Normal Animal Control Warden and Center Agreements. The Town of Normal agreements run April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 and the City of Bloomington's agreements cover the period May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. Howe noted that the contract renewals include a 3% increase and no additional services being offered. Discussions were held with both the Town and the City to clarify the roles and expectations of the animal control program.

Maitland/Steadman moved and seconded the approval for the Bloomington and Normal Animal Control Warden and Center Agreements as presented. Motion carried.

Keller requested approval for the CONTINIUNG GRANT, Bioterrorism Planning and Preparedness from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The department is slated to receive \$50,000 for the period April 1, 2006 through August 30, 2006. The funding is allocated based upon population and area risk. A significant amount of this funding will be used to cover staff costs associated with various incident command trainings and bioterrorism exercise planning and execution. Keller noted that the County Finance Committee had already approved this grant. Steadman inquired if the department had anticipated this. Keller replied that we hadn't since these are reallocated funds.

Maitland/Steadman moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, Bioterrorism Planning and Preparedness from the Illinois Department of Public Health, in the amount of \$50,000 to be expended by August 30, 2006. Motion carried.

Keller noted that the Department has been approved to be a site for the 2006-2007 AmeriCorps position and requested approval for the 2006 - 2007 funding application from the Illinois Public Health Association. Resources to support the position are contained within the department's FY06 bioterrorism planning and preparedness grant. This is the 3rd year the department will be a host site. The department is responsible for \$7900 toward the stipend paid to the selected individual. The year's Americorp worker is hoping to get a fellowship. Fowles reported that it is a wonderful program as one of her children was involved in the program.

Fowles/Powell moved and seconded the approval for the 2006 - 2007 Funding Application from the Illinois Public Health Association. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Keller pointed out page 10 of the NACO Newsletter showing a series of pictures of Berglund at the conference.

Keller distributed copies of the 2005 McLean County Health Department Annual Report which was one of the last projects completed by Public Health Communication Specialist Kathleen Davis before she resigned to take another position in the community.

Keller reported that he has begun the process to hire a replacement for Ms. Davis. He will be selecting several individuals that apply to do a questionnaire and once those are returned, he will select the top 3 to interview, hoping that the position will be filled May 1st, 2006.

Keller explained that with the retirement of John M. Hirsch on March 31, 2006 several positions have been filled internally and require the replacement of two field sanitarians. Also, Community Health Supervisor Joyce Lansford, is retiring April 28th along with two public health nurses; one retiring April 21st and the other one May 31st.

Keller reported that the Public Health Award recipient has been selected and will be honored at the May Board of Health meeting with an award presentation and reception.

Keller mentioned that he will update the Board about the Health Department Building parking lot is leased by the County for use by the Coliseum for various activities. At a future meeting the pandemic flu planning and summit will be addressed.

STAFF REPORTS: Mayes reported for Personal Health Services Division that the dental clinics are scheduled three times per week for children and one day per week for adults. Referral information was recently asked of clients and 9 were from family/friends, 6 from WIC program, 3 from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Public Aid office), 2 from the City of Bloomington, and 1 from local school.

Mayes noted that, as reported in the Director's report, there are 3 full time nurse positions available with 1 position being a supervisor.

Anderson reported for the Environmental Health Division that there are a number of changes in the division; several staff are learning new management positions as well as the process of hiring new sanitarians to fill the positions available after the promotions. An intern is being hired to fill the West Nile virus vector testing position.

Howe reported for the Animal Control program noting that staff has been busy working with the City of Bloomington on the proposed ordinance mandating dog registration. Howe explained that the City is proposing significant fines for dog owners that don't register their dogs. The ordinance as proposed carries a \$250 penalty for a first offense, \$500 for a second and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. Details are being discussed. The ordinance is projected to be submitted to the Town Council at its April meeting.

BOARD ISSUES: Powell gave a quick update on Smoke-Free Bloomington-Normal efforts. Powell felt that the Town of Normal will be moving forward in May for a comprehensive smoke-free policy. The City of Bloomington, on the other hand, is still debating the issue. More on this issue will be reported at the May Board meeting.

ADJOURN: Maitland moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.